

## STRAIGHT-RAIL TOURNAMENT AT M.I.C.

Initial Contest Will Be Played  
To-Night Between M. J. Sand  
Felder and T. E. Rowe—Claims  
De Oro's Medal.

Six entries have been received for the straight-rail tournament which will be inaugurated at the Missouri Athletic Club to-night. The initial contest will be between M. J. Sandfelder and T. E. Rowe. A gold medal and two cases of cigars will be awarded to the winner. The other entries are J. A. Graham, R. F. Krebs, H. E. Graham and J. Frank.

The champion of the tournament came to a close Friday night, Mr. Gray winning from Mr. Holliday by the score of 10 to 6. The winner took a high rank in the following is the summary:

Player	W. L.	Player	W. L.
Gray	1	Rowe	1
Holliday	1	Gray	1

Following Alfredo De Oro's announcement that he would not surrender the pool championship medal, claimed by Thomas Houston, the company which awarded the trophy have requested Frank Benson to defend it for a year, or another tournament may be held and the winner will receive the medal. The company has decided that the medal belongs to Houston, because of De Oro's failure to play when challenged by the former.

The status of the case is explained by Frank Benson as follows: "De Oro won the World's Fair medal tournament at the Broadway from all the cracks of the country, and received the medal on November 10th. The rules provide that if the holder successfully defends the medal for a year it becomes his property."

De Oro failed to defend the medal for a year, and Benson, who is the champion, has refused to play. Benson, who is the champion, has refused to play. Benson, who is the champion, has refused to play.

Charles Peterson and De Man Smith will play the final match of the tournament to-night. The score to date is Peterson 23, Smith 20. Peterson has to win to win the title.

Gundaker is leading the players in the tournament at the Missouri Athletic Club. He has a record of seven wins and one loss. His opponent is De Man Smith.

The schedule is as follows:

Evening at 8:00. M. J. Sandfelder vs. T. E. Rowe. J. A. Graham vs. R. F. Krebs. H. E. Graham vs. J. Frank.

Both games in the Amateur Association Football League at Kansas Park yesterday afternoon resulted in ties. The Pittsburg and Minneapolis teams drew, while the Indianapolis and Birmingham teams tied.

The first game was a fast and interesting contest. Both teams displayed excellent team work. Greenwood of the Pittsburg team was the star of the game, and it was due to his work that Pittsburg scored.

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## NO PRODUCE OF SURPLUS FUNDS

Reserves Have Not Been So Low  
in Fifteen Years—Security Market  
Irregular, With Standard  
Issues Heavy.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
New York, Dec. 3.—Developments of the week in the money market indicated that the surplus funds had been placed upon the reserve fund of currency in the bank statement of November 25. The enthusiasm, evidenced by the creation at that time of a comfortable surplus reserve of \$1,000,000,000, was not shared by the market, and the rate of domestic exchange shifted against the dollar.

Enthusiasm in this feature varied entirely with the advance of call rates to 15 per cent and the recovery of short-time money to 6 per cent.

There were, to be sure, several special transactions, and the market was not making the unfavorable bank statement of Saturday. The gold shipments to Mexico, the Thanksgiving holiday and the month requirements all worked adversely.

The suspension of business on Thursday, the last day of November, created an unusual demand for funds on Friday, and the market was further accentuated on Friday by other arrangements to carry over until Monday, raising considerably the usual shifting of accounts attendant upon the first day of the month.

Despite these rather unusual circumstances, which, being relieved, will doubtless work some recovery in the market, the fact remains that there is a great abundance of surplus funds in the money market. The surplus reserve of \$1,000,000,000 reported Saturday is very meager for this time of the year. In fact, one has to go back fifteen years to the rather unprosperous financial winter of 1890 to find reserves as low. They were considerably in excess of present figures in the corresponding dates in the two recent years, 1899 and 1902, with which for some striking feature in the money market, the present interval has been compared.

The security market of the week showed irregularity, with standard issues, which do not move much, and some speculative issues, which are more active. The market is generally quiet, with some activity in the new high bonds, which are being sold by the government.

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## CRUCIAL WEEK IN HEARST CONTEST

The Supreme Court Will Decide  
Whether Hundreds of Ballot  
Boxes Shall Be Opened, and  
Whether Voted Ballots Shall Be  
Thrown Out.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
New York, Dec. 3.—With a decision from the appellate division of the Supreme Court on the question of throwing out the votes from the ballot boxes, a crucial week in the contest between Mr. Hearst and Mr. McLean will be reached.

A better complexion was given to the case last week, when the court decided that the ballot boxes should be opened, and the votes counted. This decision was a major victory for Mr. Hearst, who had been fighting to have the votes thrown out.

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## WALL TO WALL SHOOTING FOLLOWS GAS PLANTER'S BATTLE

Otis England, Stoker at Alton  
Works, Wounded in a Fight  
With Edward Blankenship,  
Who Escapes.

Otis England, employed as a stoker at the Alton gas plant, was shot and dangerously wounded Friday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock by Edward Blankenship, another stoker, as the result of Blankenship having ordered a friend of England's out of the gas plant.

Robert England, also a stoker in the plant, came very near being shot through the head in attempting to separate the men.

England was shot through the abdomen and was taken to St. Stephen's hospital, where he was resting easily at a late hour last night. His condition is critical. Blankenship was arrested and is being held in the Alton police station.

Early yesterday afternoon Blankenship, who is on the night relief, came to work in the gas plant. He was seen by a friend and told him that he was going to whip him. It is said that Blankenship was in a rage and was very much excited.

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## EAST ST. LOUIS BARRIERS OFFERED CLOSED ROOM

Peter Fuchs of Alton Locks Door  
So He Can Carry Out Threat-  
ened Intention to End His Life  
—Found Dead by Family.

After locking the door to a room so he would not be prevented by his wife and children from carrying out his purpose, Peter Fuchs, employed by the Missouri Pacific Company of Alton, blew off the top of his head with a shotgun.

The tragedy occurred at the Fuchs home, No. 4 Rhineland street. An inquest will be held to-day.

For several weeks Fuchs has been torturing the members of his family as he threatened to kill himself. He has threatened to kill himself. He has threatened to kill himself.

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## Figures and Facts For Advertisers.

Figures won't lie, but they don't  
always disclose facts. Circulation  
figures and their meaning should  
be carefully studied by the mer-  
chant who pays for advertising  
space in metropolitan newspa-  
pers.

The circulation of a mere news bulletin is calculated by the sum total of copies sold, regardless of the fact that they represent half a dozen or more editions, sold to the same persons, and differing perhaps only in headlines and typographical arrangement.

Many of these editions are so inevitably fixed in such a news disseminating organization that they must be issued and the public must be led to buy whether they contain news or not.

Extra editions follow so thick and fast on three fixed issues that the value of such publications is limited to hours and minutes, and not to the day or half day.

They are bought, glanced at and thrown away, but for each and every "sale" the bulletin counts "one" in circulation.

The newspaper that is delivered at your home and is read by all the members of your family measures its worth in an entirely different way. It is a complete paper, with complete news. Each copy is read by from two to six persons. Its "circulation" may be 100,000, but it is READ by several times that number.

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Among the friends of the Gary family in Chicago were Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott. Mr. Scott is a wealthy dealer in art, and Mrs. Scott is a wealthy dealer in art.

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